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NO MONOPOLY OF PATRIOTISM.

The deliberate effort of Democrats to mix partisan politics in foreign affairs is illustrated by this paragraph from the Portland (Ore.) Journal:

"People who are trying to subvert the Wilson administration should be forcibly reminded that it has the nation's honor on board."

If that means anything at all, it means that in the opinion of Democrats, maintenance of the nation's honor requires re-election of Woodrow Wilson. It may be just as well to let the Journal and all other Democrats know that the nation's honor is not monopolized by any one man or by any one party. A part can never be greater than the whole. By its action, either the Republican party or the Democratic party may embarrass the government or give it cause for pride, but national honor never did and never will depend upon the continuance or retirement of any party that ever did exist or ever will exist.

Moreover, it is also a good time to let all Democrats understand that a series of foreign "crises" will not be permitted to cover up the multitude of official sins for which the present administration should be and will be called to account. We have not yet fallen so low in civic standards—we are not so absolutely wanting in statesmanship, that we must give popular approval to a party that has broken practically all its important campaign pledges, for fear that we shall sacrifice the nation's "honor."

Next November the American people will put the Democratic administration on trial and judge it fairly and impartially. They will weigh it in the balance and if they find it wanting, they will not hesitate one moment to so declare. They will not judge it by any one or two acts—by its foreign policies or by its domestic policies alone. They will take its whole record into consideration and cast their ballots as seems to them wisest for the good of our common country whose chief purpose is to promote our welfare at home through all the years of peace, rather than to solve the problems of rare and uncertain periods of war.

WAR PROTECTION AND PROSPERITY.

The American Woolen Company of Boston, and the Arlington Mills of Lawrence, Mass., have announced that they will pass to their employees a share of their war order prosperity in the shape of an increase of 10 per cent in wages. This will affect 25,000 operatives in the former and 7,000 in the latter company. This increase does not represent all that the woolen mill operatives have gained as a result of the increased prosperity growing out of the war boom. On the first of the year they were granted an increase of 5 per cent. Wages are now 25 per cent higher than formerly in the textile trades.

For the first time in its history the American Woolen Company paid in 1915 1-4 per cent on its \$20,000,000 of common stock. In 1913-14, under the blight of the Democratic tariff, it paid regular dividend on the preferred stock out of surplus, its earnings not being sufficient.

The European war not only acted as a protective tariff on manufactured wools, but our exports to the belligerents have increased beyond all calculations. During the calendar year 1913 we exported manufactures of wool to the value of \$4,600,000. In 1914, with five months of war, they reached \$12,500,000, while in 1915 they reached the unprecedented value of \$42,600,000. Blankets, uniforms, etc. formed the bulk of these exports and the Department of Commerce refuses to recognize such articles as munitions of war.

Hartford, Conn., is also tired of Democratic rule and at its recent municipal election it supplanted a Democratic city government with a Republican. Object lessons of this kind are worth a hundred straw votes as proof of the political tendencies of this presidential year.

I OWE MY HEALTH

To Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

James Young, the actor who is now a director of the Lasky Film Company, recently told with evident enjoyment how that when the Lasky players reached Hannibal, Mo., the director approached a native who looked as though he had been there long enough to remember early history. The director wanted to locate the exact spots in which Mark Twain had pursued his uneventful existence in the town. Approaching the aged citizen, the director, in his most engaging manner, inquired:

"Have you lived here very long, Uncle?"

"Lived here my hull life, nigh onto 80 year."

"You're just the man I have wanted to find. Of course you have heard of Samuel L. Clemens?"

"Never heard tell o' him."

"Never heard of Mark Twain, the great writer?"

"Nope."

"Never heard of 'Huckleberry Finn'?"

"Nope."

"Never heard of the 'Innocents Abroad'?"

"Nary time."

"Never heard of 'Pudd'nhead Wilson'?"

"Hell, yes, I voted fur 'im fur President last time, and look what he's went and done fur 'er country, an' on top o' that he goes an' gets married to a widdier the second time."

HANDLING A HUSBAND.

The husband, like all boasts of burden, according to Miss Anna List, psychologist and marriage-ologist, should be handled gently at first. The idea should be to train him, and not to break his spirit. He should be taught one thing at a time and he should be thoroughly accustomed to the harness before he is required to do the severest mental tasks of the home.

Miss List, who swears she will never marry when in love, lest she fall to act up to her instructions as to training husbands, is quoted as follows in Judge:

"Many wives ruin an otherwise sensible and unobtrusive husband by trying to break his spirit to soon. In the undomesticated state the inexperienced husband is naturally sportive and liberty loving, and his instincts all tend to make him refractory and antagonistic toward female supervision. Attempts at justifiable coercion are, in the early stages of matrimony, almost sure to be met with a vicious stubbornness that is much more likely to grow than to diminish."

"A wise mixture of cajolery, coaxing, contempt, independence and persistent firmness seems to secure the best results in training a husband. Young wives should proceed slowly. They should study the temperaments of the men whose natures they have chosen to exploit. Firmness and persistence are sure to be crowned with success."

There may be a tendency among jolly bachelors to regard this as humorous because it is reprinted from a humorous journal. But married men know that it is the sound philosophy of the female of the species and that a woman rarely allows sentiment to influence her in the management of a husband. Miss List's truly humorous vein is shown in her assertion that if she should marry when in love she might fail to train the best of burdens.—Frankfort State Journal.

A "saunterer" in the old days was one who had made a pilgrimage to the Sainte Terre shrine in the Holy Land.

AMERICAN BANK RESOURCES EXCEED THOSE OF ALL EUROPE COMBINED.

Washington, D. C.—Financial prosperity and strength is greater in the United States today than ever before, and is rising rapidly to new levels, according to the interpretation placed by the controller of the currency on figures issued last week showing conditions March 7, the date of the last bank call, in the country's national banks. Here is what the returns show:

Total resources of national banks, \$13,838,000,000, an increase of \$2,271,000,000 or 20 per cent within a year. Total deposits, \$10,790,000,000, an increase of \$2,158,000,000 or nearly 25 per cent within a year, and an increase of \$411,000,000 since December 31, last.

An increase of \$990,000,000 in loans and discounts within a year. Surplus and undivided profits of \$1,031,278,000, an increase of \$18,000,000.

The increase in resources within the last twelve months alone, Controller Williams pointed out, exceeds the entire resources of the Reichsbank of Germany; and the aggregate resources of American national banks "exceed by \$3,000,000,000 the aggregate resources of the Bank of England, the Bank of France, the Bank of Russia, the Reichsbank of Germany, the Bank of the Netherlands, the Swiss National Bank and the Bank of Japan."

As recently as 1896, the statement says, the entire amount on deposit in national banks within the United States was less than the increase in deposits within the last twelve months.

Total reserves held by national banks March 7 were \$2,287,000,000. This is \$993,000,000 more than the law requires, and is more than \$100,000,000 in excess of the greatest surplus ever held before.

"It is conservatively estimated," reads the controller's statement, "that the surplus reserve now held by the national banks would be sufficient to give a further loaning power of \$2,000,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000 should the growth and development of commerce, agriculture or industry call for so huge an enlargement of credit."

"Notwithstanding the Anglo-French loan of \$500,000,000 and the loans made to other foreign powers, amounting to several hundred million dollars additional, in which our banks to a greater or less degree have participated, there are no indications of unsound inflation or excessive loans, and the national banks of the country have never been in a stronger position than they are at this time."

MILITARY DRILL SHOULD BE COMPULSORY IN SCHOOLS OF COUNTRY.

(Army and Navy Journal.)

The weekly report of March 11 of the Board of Health of Cincinnati, O., contains a matter of fact argument in favor of the physical and moral benefits of military training for boys of school age. One argument used by those opposed to military training is that boys very quickly lose their interest in military drill and drop out at the end of the first year. This is not a legitimate argument against military drill any more than it would be an argument against the study of arithmetic, geography or spelling. Heretofore military drill has been optional. Place arithmetic, grammar or geography on the optional list and the next generation would be as ignorant of these branches as the present one is of military tactics. Military training with all of the utensils of war has never been advocated for school children of tender years. Loaded rifles in the hands of children or 6 or 7 or 8 years of age has never entered the minds of those favoring military training for school children. What they have had in mind, in urging this training, is its influence throughout the lives of those taught. Many school children develop into utterly worthless and exceedingly dangerous units of society because they have not been controlled during the period when habits are being formed. It is just as easy to develop good habits as bad ones, and the time to correct an evil habit is before it has become a part of the individual. Physical defects can be corrected early in life. Uncorrected, they are, like bad habits, a curse to those they afflict. Too many children grow to a full development without any conception of their responsibility to society. They are disobedient, lawless strangers to discipline and without respect for authority. Military training would protect children of this class from the sins of their parents and give them at an early age, habits of discipline, obedience and respect for law and authority, which are indispensable to success in adult life. It is the height of folly to permit parents to bring children into the world and, through lack of parental control, permit them to become enemies to society. It is a crime against the child and a crime against the state, one that costs the state millions of dollars every year. Make military training compulsory instead of optional and the finished product will be a bulwark in time of war as well as in times of peace.

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Like a merry little whirlwind, Peggy from America upsets the traditions of the pretty Scottish mountain hamlet where she goes to live after her father's death. Hillie Burke stars in this Ince-Triangle play "Peggy."

An orphan and heiress, Peggy Cameron is a lively member of New York's exclusive set. There comes to her a letter from her uncle in Scotland, offering her a home with him. Peggy accepts the invitation, and comes breezing into the little town of Woodkirk, in the Scottish highlands, one bright Sunday morning. Her automobile causes consternation among the villagers.

Andrew Cameron (William H. Thompson), the uncle, is a dour old Scot, who doesn't approve of Peggy or her car. He and the minister, Rev. Donald Bruce (William Desmond), surprise Peggy working under her machine in overalls. Her uncle is shocked and forbids her ever to appear again in masculine garb.

Nevertheless Peggy dons her cousin's masculine dress one night and goes for a spin. It starts to rain and the automobile gets stalled. Peggy goes in a village inn for shelter and on coming out bumps into the minister. He tries to rebuke her, but Peggy runs home in high glee. With the children, however, she gets along famously.

While Uncle Andrew and the minister are sitting in judgment on a girl who has been indiscreet, Peggy breaks in upon them, to demand that they fix the blame on the man. He proves to be Colin, Andrew's son, and a marriage is the happy ending of the drama.

Then Peggy decides to leave Woodkirk and her relatives. They have come to love her, but their pleadings that she stay are of no avail. But at last comes the Rev. Donald Bruce, with an appeal from the heart that keeps Peggy in Woodkirk, as the minister's bride.

"Peggy" will be shown at the Washington Opera House on Monday, May 8.

AMERICA'S FIRE LOSS.

(Leslie's Weekly.)

Every man, woman and child in the United States pays \$3 a year for fire waste. If on a certain day of the year a government official should go to the average family of five persons and present a bill for \$15 for the annual fire tax of the family there would be a universal protest against the tax and against the carelessness which makes possible a yearly fire waste of \$250,000,000 in this country.

Big manufacturers and big merchants know that the fire expense to which they are subjected is a drain on all the people but because it is indirect, the average person is not conscious he is paying a tax! Let the masses once realize that every time they buy a hat, a pair of shoes or a suit of clothes or anything which goes through the regular channels of industry, production, distribution and exchange, they are paying a part of the country's enormous fire tax, and fire prevention would become the order of the day. Our fire waste seems especially shameful when placed in comparison with that of Europe.

The Federal Department of Commerce and Labor shows that the average annual per capita fire loss in six European countries is 33 cents compared with \$3 in the United States, and \$9.97 in Canada. Boston two years ago reported an annual fire loss of \$2,000,000, while the fire loss of Glasgow, though larger than Boston, was less than one-sixth of this amount. Chicago's fire loss was \$5,000,000, Berlin's only \$175,000, and although cities of the same size, Chicago's fire department cost ten times as much as Berlin's.

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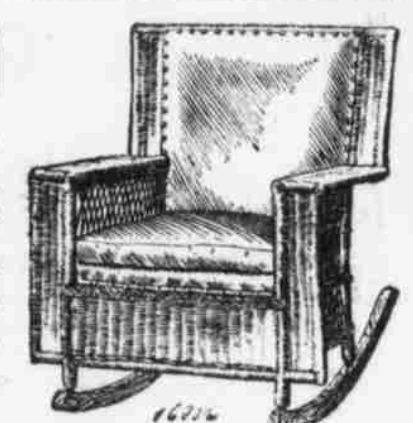
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